

## REMARKS

The Office communication dated March 7, 2007 indicates that "[c]laims 63-216 appear allowable to applicant. The outstanding issue includes priority of inventorship as the claims conflict with U.S. patent 6,989,031."

The Applicant has canceled claims 63-216 from the subject application without prejudice for possible submission in a continuing application. Additionally, the Applicant has added new claims 217 and 218 which are believed to avoid a conflict under 37 C.F.R. 41.202 with the issued claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,989,031. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that the indications set forth in the Office communication regarding 37 C.F.R. 41.202 are no longer applicable.

Upon entry of this Amendment, the subject application will include claims 217 and 218. Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application is respectfully requested. Timely action towards a Notice of Allowability is hereby solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any outstanding matters concerning the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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